

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2009. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the above amendment, claims 1, 5 and 13 are amended; and claims 9-10 are cancelled. Thus, claims 1 and 5-8 and 11-13 are currently pending in the present application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 5 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In response claim 5 has been amended to refer back to the side portion and front portion recited in base claim 1. With regard to claim 13, it is noted that this is the first rejection of claim 13 under 112, second paragraph. In any event, claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 1 and claim 9. Thus, the scope of claim 13 is clearly different from that of claim 1.

Next, on page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the limitations of allowable claim 9 have been incorporated into independent claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is now clearly allowable over the prior art. Claims 5-8 and 11-12 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and are therefore allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

Further, as noted above, claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 1 and claim 9, and to overcome the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Thus, claim 13 is now clearly in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to enter the above amendment and pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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